REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed April 2, 2009, claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-24 remain pending.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for the in-person interview on May 21, 2009 regarding the above-identified application. In the interview, claim 1 and 23 were discussed as well as suggested amendments. Applicants indicated filing of a Supplemental Amendment to incorporate the suggested amendments, such supplemental amendments are filed herewith.

Patentability of Claims

For at the reasons previously submitted, it is submitted that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-24 are patentably distinct from Nieh et al. and Homer et al., individually or in combination.

Summary

It is submitted that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-24 are patentably distinct from Nieh et al. and Homer et al., individually or in combination. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If it is determined that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 504298 (Order No. 101-P271).

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